

RULERS OF THE RAILS

UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION
CONTROLLED BY ELEVEN MEN.

How Owners of Big Systems Have
Become Stockholders of Their Com-
petitors and Connections—Communi-
ty of Ownership.

[Special Correspondence.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Eleven men now control practically all the railroads in the United States. Under the fascinating scheme of community of ownership the principal stockholders in each great group of roads have become minor stockholders in the others, which is supposed to secure amiable personal relationship and prevent the secret irregularities which have baffled the magnates for a quarter of a century.

The railway oligarchy, which now seems to be practically absolute, is made up of William K. Vanderbilt, J. Pierpont Morgan, Alexander J. Cassatt, E. H. Harriman, the two Rockefellers, James J. Hill, George J. Gould, Collis P. Huntington, Jacob H. Schiff and James Speyer. Less than half of these gentlemen hold railway positions of more prominence than modest directorships. Cassatt and Hill are in active charge of the systems which they control, and Huntington is active or inactive as best suits his inclination or convenience. The others are simply the men behind a regiment of presidents, who do as they are told or lose their jobs.

William K. is the latest and greatest of the Vanderbilts. He dominates the New York Central, Lake Shore, Michigan Central, Big Four, Lake Erie and Western, Chicago and Northwestern and several other roads which have come into his fold by way of the bargain counter.

Morgan controls more miles of railroad than any other man in the world. His specialty is the reorganization of bankrupt properties. Magnified a millionfold, he has the faculties of the successful junk dealer or the renovator of secondhand clothes. His dominion includes the big Southern system, the Erie, the Lehigh Valley, the Philadelphia and Reading and the Northern Pacific. As the representative of foreign shareholders he has a voice in the management of the Pennsylvania system. Mr. Morgan is also a director in numerous railroads which other people dominate, and a few small roads in



WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER

the soft coal regions have recently fallen into his net. There is no reason, however, why these side issues should be considered seriously either by the reader or Mr. Morgan himself.

The Rockefellers have invested in railroads a few hundred millions made in oil. William, the younger brother of John, attends to this end of the fraternal interests, which include the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas and the balance of power in the New Haven and the Lackawanna. It is said that they do not intend to be active in railway management, but the habit of having their own way, acquired in the oil business, often makes itself felt in their more recent field of investment.

E. H. Harriman is the new sun that has risen in the west. He controls the Illinois Central, the Union Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Chicago and Alton and is now reorganizing the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf. With Mr. Schiff, he recently acquired an interest in the Southern Pacific.

A. J. Cassatt is the head of the great Pennsylvania system, which is a financial republic rather than a monarchy, as most railroads are. He is practical and diplomatic and exerts an influence second to none.

C. P. Huntington controls the Southern Pacific as absolutely as the czar does Russia. The system includes the Morgan line of steamships, making a continuous line from New York to San Francisco by way of New Orleans.

James J. Hill of the Great Northern, known in the northwest as Jim, is the chief factor in the transportation of wheat. He owns an interest in the Northern Pacific, just to be neighborly, and is a director in the Baltimore and Ohio.

George J. Gould manages the railroads which his father left him in a conservative manner and avoids the plunges which made his parent a picturesque character in American financial history. The principal Gould roads are the Missouri Pacific, the Wabash, the St. Louis Southwestern and the International and Great Northern. The Goulds have comparatively small interests in the eastern lines.

Messrs. Schiff and Speyer are representatives respectively of the banking houses of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Speyer & Co. of New York, which are rivals in size and strength to the famous firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

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SCIENCE OF CAVES.

A Very Systematic Study of Underground Formations.

[Special Correspondence.]

MANITOU, Colo., Jan. 29.—A society has been organized in Paris to study cave formations. Its members will visit and explore caves in all parts of the world. They hope their pursuit will become as popular as mountain climbing. As a result our knowledge of this subject should be increased. Perhaps we shall become better acquainted with the beauties and wonders of our American caves.

The Grand caverns of Manitou are famous. They are located near the Ute pass and are about two miles from this city. When examining them, each



ROCK FORMATIONS IN MANITOU CAVERNS.

visitor is provided with a lamp. A long, narrow and boarded passage leads into the vestibule of the cave. The scenes here becomes weird and strange. The lights flicker and threaten to leave the party in utter darkness. The women, as they move about, remind one of those ten Hebrew maidens who went to seek the bridegroom, only the modern crowd returns to the daylight and none loses her way.

The formations in the cave are created by the slow and long continued fall of water heavily impregnated with lime. Many of the figures are fearfully and wonderfully made. Great stalactites hang from the roof, while on the floor beneath are stalagmites of equal size and interest. At one place there is a pile of stones which serves as a monument to General Grant. General W. T. Sherman suggested the first rock. Soon after General McClelland followed and since then many others have lovingly added their tributes to the dead warrior.

The visitor is led from room to room. One is called the opera house, and the ceiling of this room is 60 feet high. Two galleries can be distinctly observed, and up high, over the place where the stage should be, is an organ. This instrument consists of a number of slender strips like ribbons, and they, too, are of limestone. A man takes a small wooden stick and strikes the different keys of this natural wonder and music peals forth. The thing seems more like a harp than an organ.

In some places the surface of the cave is of a brown color, while in other places it is pure as crystal. As you pass through the corridors you can see outlines that look like a flock of sheep, baskets of fruit, vegetables, animals and strong resemblances to human faces and heads. The temperature of the cave is 52 degrees, and this changes neither summer nor winter. About 10,000 people have entered the cave in a single year.

The story of the discovery of the Grand caverns, which took place in 1881, is interesting. A young man, George W. Snider by name, now of Colorado Springs, and a friend, Reinhard, were out hunting.

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There is a bit of tragedy connected with the history of the Grand caverns. When the discoverers first entered their blackness, they walked about in fear and trembling. Perhaps they thought a wild and hungry bear made the place his home, but no living thing was encountered by the invaders. Instead the skeleton of a human, form and near by the remains of two wolves were found. Investigation makes it certain that the bones were those of an Indian maiden. Beads and other feminine ornaments still clung to the decaying skeleton. Whether the wolves destroyed the poor girl as she sought shelter from wintry winds we do not know. She may have been buried there in the belief that her sepulcher would never be disturbed.

WILLIAM R. BRITTON.

A Powder Mill Explosion

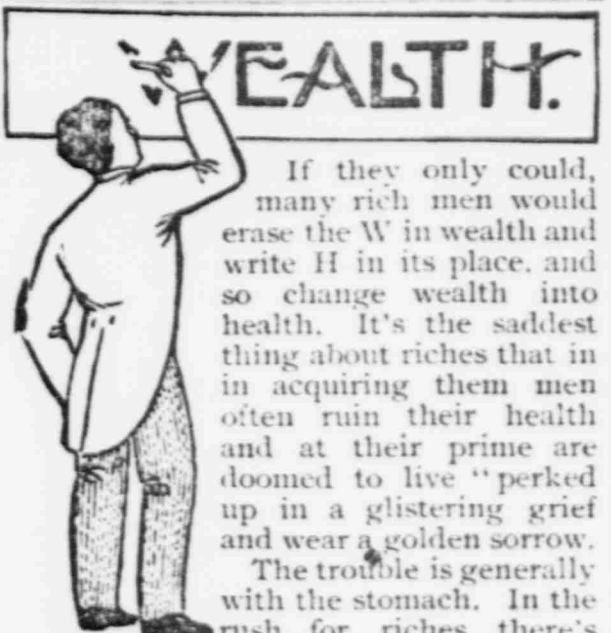
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Hon. George W. Wilson, Hon. A. A. Carsen and L. D. Gatliff, accompanied by Prof. H. E. Stockbridge and J. E. Ingraham, third vice-president of the Florida East Coast railway, arrived in Miami a few days ago. Messrs. Wilson, Carson and Gatliff were appointed by the trustees of the Florida Agricultural college to select twenty acres of land in Dade county, where the college will carry on an experimental citrus fruit farm. The committee, accompanied by Messrs. Ingraham and Stockbridge, carefully examined several pieces of land, both north and west from Miami.

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Variety in Postage Stamps.

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If they only could, many rich men would erase the W in wealth and write H in its place, and so change wealth into health. It's the saddest thing about riches that in acquiring them men often ruin their health and at their prime are doomed to live "perked up in a glistering grief and wear a golden sorrow."

The trouble is generally with the stomach. In the rush for riches there's been no time for regularity, no consideration of right food. The stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition become diseased and then begins the bitter and varied sufferings of the man with "stomach trouble."

Yet this condition can be cured. The stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, can be restored to a normal condition of sound health. Thousands testify that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, strengthens the stomach, nourishes the nerves and purifies the blood, that it breaks the bonds of the dyspeptic, and makes him a healthy, happy man. No alcohol whisky or other intoxicant is contained in "Golden Medical Discovery."

I was a sufferer from what the doctors called indigestion, but after trying several eminent physicians failed to get a cure," writes Mr. Frank Merice, P. O. Box 473, Independence, Jackson Co., Mo. "Some of my symptoms were soreness in pit of stomach, fullness, tired feeling, constipation, some times soreness would extend to bowels. Some one recommended me to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which I did, and after taking only a few bottles of 'Discovery' and your 'Pleasant Pellets' can say I derived more benefit from them than from any other medicine I ever tried. I began to gain in flesh from the start. Have recommended it to others and will continue to do so."

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I have used Ripans Tablets with so much satisfaction that I can cheerfully recommend them. Have been troubled for about three years with what I called bilious attacks coming on regularly once a week. Was told by different physicians that it was caused by bad teeth, of which I had several. I had the teeth extracted, but the attacks continued. I had seen advertisements of Ripans Tablets in all the papers but had no faith in them, but about six weeks since a friend induced me to try them. Have taken but two of the small 5-cent boxes of the Tablets and have had no recurrence of the attacks. Have never given a testimonial for anything before, but the great amount of good which I believe has been done me by Ripans Tablets induces me to add mine to the many testimonials you doubtless have in your possession now.

A. T. DEWITT.

I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over five years. Nothing gave me any relief. My feet and legs and abdomen were bloated so I could not wear shoes on my feet and only a loose dress. I saw Ripans Tablets advertised in our daily paper, bought some and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and there is such a change! I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tablets. I am thirty-seven years old, have no occupation, only my household duties and nursing my sick husband. He has had the dropsy and I am trying Ripans Tablets for him. He feels some better but it will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

Mrs. MARY GORMAN CLARK.

I have been suffering from headaches ever since I was a little girl. I could never ride in a car or go into a crowded place without getting a headache and sick at my stomach. I heard about Ripans Tablets from an aunt of mine who was taking them for catarrh of the stomach. She had found such relief from their use she advised me to take them too, and I have been doing so since last October, and will say they have completely cured my headaches. I am twenty-nine years old. You are welcome to use this testimonial.

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